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1. BEFORE TALKING TO THE GOI ONE MORE TIME ON POSSIBILITIES OF INCREASING INDIAN OPIUM OUTPUT (REF A) WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MORE INFORMATION ON WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THE INDIANS DO NOT INCREASE PRODUCTION. BACK IN DECEMBER, (REF B) GOI REVENUE COMMISSIONER JASIJIT SINGH ESTIMATED A 400-TON SHORTFALL FOR WORLD OPIUM CONSUMPTION REQUIREMENTS IN 1974. WE ASSUME THAT THIS DEFICIT WILL CONTINUE TO GROW IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, UNLESS THE INDIANS STEP UP CULTIVATION OR START PROCESSING SECONDARY POPPY STRAW.

2. SINCE THE GOI IS ALREADY FAMILIAR WITH THE APPROACH SUGGESTED IN REF A, WE WANT TO ARM OURSELVES WITH AS MANY SPECIFIC FIGURES AS POSSIBLE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENTS'S CURRENT PROJECTIONS OF US GUM OPIUM IMPORT REQUIREMENTS OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS AND THE SHORTFALLS
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TO THE US THAT WILL RESULT IF INDIA KEEPS ITS OPIUM EXPORTS

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CONSTAND.
IT WOULD ALSO HELP IF YOU COULD QUANTIFY THE EFFECTS UPON ALLEVIATING US AND WORLD OPIUM SHORTFALLS OF INDIA'S PRODUCING 50 TONS OF MORPHINE BASE FROM POPPY STRAW (AS IS NOW PLANNED) AND INCREASING THE MORPHINE YIELD OF POPPIES BY ONE PERCENTAGE POINT.
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